



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
McElroy, et al.

Serial No.: 10/696,823

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For: FIELD ADJUSTABLE IMPACT JAR

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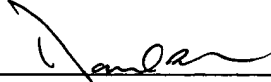
Examiner: TBD

DECLARATION BY ASSIGNEE

1. I am an agent of the assignee of the above-identified patent application.
2. All acts described in this Declaration took place in the United States of America and/or International Waters in the Gulf of Mexico.
3. In the interest of the assignee of the above-identified application, I previously directed that development and/or prototype units of impact jars related to the above-identified application be subjected to field-testing because complete testing could not be physically accomplished in land-based facilities, at least partially due to unique downhole wellbore conditions.
4. In response to my direction, development and/or prototype units were provided to "testing entities" on operational drilling rigs in the Gulf of Mexico to test the units.
5. The units provided to the testing entities were tested at various times during the time period spanning between about June 2002 and the filing of the above-identified application.
6. All of the units provided to the testing entities were returned after testing.
7. All testing entities were made aware that the testing was being performed to further research and development.

I acknowledge that willful false statements are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing from it. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that all

statements made of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.



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